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REV. TROY D. PERRY, PASTOR

October 6, 1969

Dear Members & Friends:

One year ago we wondered where we would be today...and here we are. We prayed to GOD and HE answered! The storms prevailed, but we LOOKED ABOVE THE CIRCUMSTANCES! At times we felt that it was an impossible dream, but today we see the fruits of our labors.

To all of you who helped M.C.C. accomplish what it has accomplished to date...we ask your continued service and prayers, that next year we can look back and know: that we have succeeded even more than in our first year.

With joy in my heart...
in Christ,

Rev. Troy D. Perry

Reverend Troy D. Perry, Pastor
METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rev: TDP/be

Not only is Rev. Perry our Pastor, he is also involved in some of the homophile organizations representing our community. He is shown here while attending the Western Homophile Confrence of which he is Chairman, held in San Francisco June 20 and 21 of this year. Also shown here are Larry Marshall, Vice-President of the Dorian Society of Seattle, Washington, and George Mendenhall, Vice Chairman of the Confrence, plus James Kepner, a member of our congregation and also Secretary of the Conference.

AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR MEMBERS & FRIENDS — October 6, 1969

The members of the Publications Department wish to express our sincerest THANKS to those Members and Friends of the Church who gave of their time and various talents to help make this ANNIVERSARY ISSUE possible.

We extend our SPECIAL THANKS and gratitude to those who have advertised and made the publication financilly possible.

Also, we THANK our Pastor, Reverend Troy D. Perry and the many Board Members for taking time away from their busy schedules to aid us in preparing a documented history of THE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH.

Very truly yours,

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THE PASTOR

Troy's mother was born on a farm outside of Jaspar, Florida, and raised with ten sisters and brothers. In 1939, at the age of twenty-two she left home on a visit to see her sister in Tallahassee. She never returned home,for she met Troy D. Perry, Sr. Troy's father had been raised on a farm and had moved from city to city until he finally settled in Tallahassee, where he met his wife-to-be. After a brief courtship, they married. Troy, Jr. was born in Tallahassee, July 27, 1940.

Troy, Sr. was proud of his first son. He got him boots and jacket to match his own. The two were always seen together. For little Troy's second Christmas, his mother bought him a tricycle, supposedly from Santa, and hid it behind the setee. The curious boy snooped and found it, so his father bought him a wagon. It was so big Troy couldn't pull it, so his father spent hours happily pulling him around the yard.

At the age of two and one-half,Troy's parents bought a store and although Troy didn't indulge in candy too much himself, he took candies and gave them to all the neighborhood children.

Around the age of four, Troy and his younger brother, Eugene, would pull the fire alarm near the house and hide until the fire trucks came. The fire company finally caught on and put a glass cover on the alarm. Once the neighborhood kids painted themselves to play Indians and accidentally set fire to the woods, - so again the fire trucks were called.

Later that year, Troy put his little brother, Eugene,in the closet and locked the door. The family hunted all over the neighborhood. They finally came back to the house, where they could hear him but not locate him. His cries became weaker until, when he was finally found, he was pale from lack of air. Troy was hunting, also, as he could not remember where he had hidden his little brother.

His father had a truck the kids called "Leapin' Leaner" - because it leaped and leaned all over the road.His father used the truck to go back and forth to a pig

Troy Perry, Jr. was born on July 27, 1940 in Tallahassee, Florida. His proud father posed him for snapshots beside Troy's maternal grandmother's back porch in the country in Florida.

His mother, Edith Perry, was born and raised in this house with ten sisters and brothers.

At six months, Troy with his mother, visited his maternal grandmother in Jaspar, Florida.

Troy, at the age of 4, visited his grandmother in Tallahassee with his brothers Eugene and Jimmy.

Troy, at 5, rocked in the back yard with his younger brother, Jimmy, in 1945.

pasture, and the kids would pile into the truck to go with him so that they could spend the day playing with the pigs. One time while Troy and his brothers and some neighbor kids were piled in the truck, someone 'knocked' the gears and the truck began to roll down a rather steep hill. One of the adults at the bottom of the hill was alerted, so he jumped onto the moving truck and managed to stop it.

Troy's father died in an auto accident when Troy was thirteen. After that, Troy took over the job of fathering his younger brothers. He was very protective and often got into fights with the next-door neighbor girls. He always stood up for the younger kids, and many hair-pulling sessions ensued over the years.

In school, Troy studied hard and made good grades; he rarely got into any trouble. "All the trouble he got into was after school," his mother said. Troy

In the summer of 1946, Troy looked up to his older cousin, Vernon, holding Troy's younger brother, Eugene.

was not active in school sports or other school activities; he spent most of his time on church activities.

Church was the most important part of his life. While he was still in Jr. High School, he started conducting Thursday morning Chapel services. It was right around this time that he began to teach Sunday School. At the age of fifteen, he felt that the Lord had called him to preach, so he was licensed and began preaching on revivals and as a guest speaker at other churches.

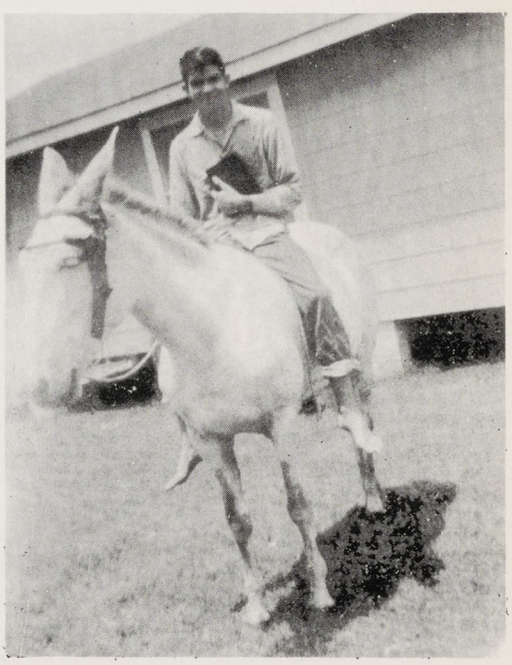
At the age of nineteen, he married. Two sons were born. He went to Moody Bible Institute, and to Midwest Bible College so that he could get his education in the ministry. While he was married, he was transferred to California on business. While in California, he pastored a church in Santa Ana.

He and his wife separated. Soon after, he was drafted into the army at the age of twenty-five. Because he was stationed in Germany, he got the chance to travel all over Europe. In Germany he was a part-time pastor for a Pentacostal Church for servicemen. While still in Germany, he felt called upon to start a church for the homophile community, but was still afraid of ridicule from his friends. When he was discharged, he returned to Southern California and went back to work as a division manager in his previous business.

Troy attended Sealy Memorial Elementary School in Tallahassee. At 7, he had his picture taken in the second grade, in 1947.

At 21, in 1961, Troy sat with his mother on their back porch.

Troy, with his brother Jimmy in front of the house in Florida. He was about 21, the year was 1961.



In 1957, Troy was 17. In "South", Alabama, during a revival, he climbed aboard a neighbor's mule with his Bible. As soon as the picture was taken, the mule ran away with him.

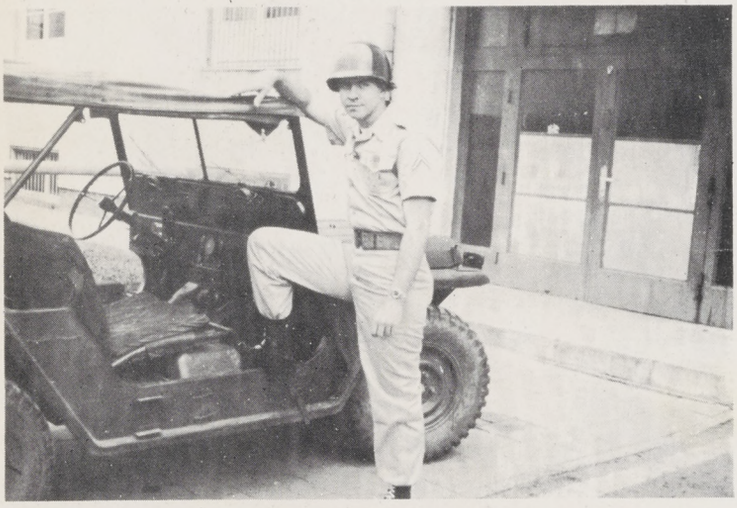
Troy posed for his first picture in basic training when he went into the army in 1965.

In August of 1968, he was with one of the individuals arrested at The Patch, a local gay bar. This person had never been arrested before, so when he was bailed out, Troy took him home for counseling. The man began to weep and said, "No one cares for us homosexuals." Troy tried to calm him, saying, "God cares."

"No," the man said, "- not even God cares." He went on to say that in his church he had been told that he could not be a member and be a homosexual also.

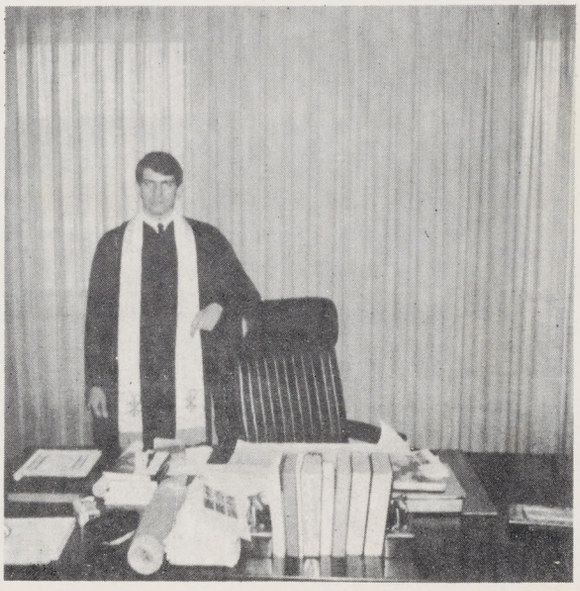
Troy said, "I prayed and said, 'God, when do you want me to start the church?' God said, 'Now!'"

...By Rev. Perry's Mother,
Mrs. Edith Perry
as told to Melinda Napier



Troy arrived in Germany as a member of the U. S. Army Signal Corps.

Troy with Ted Cobbs, one of his best friends in service, visited Luxemburgh in 1965.



In 1968, Rev. Troy Perry conducted Easter Services in a Congregational Church in Los Angeles.

THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM

In September of 1968, Troy Perry felt called upon by the Lord to start a Church where homosexuals could feel that they "belonged". He consulted with friends to find out what they thought of his idea. Most of them supported him, but one cautioned that although it was a lovely idea, it sounded like an impossible dream. In the same month, Rev. Perry placed an advertisement in the L. A. Advocate, a newspaper which serves the homophile community, stating that services would start October 6th.

On October 1st, Rev. Perry met with Tom Terreri, Leo Huijers and J o h n Greathouse. Troy asked Tom to serve with him as Treasurer, and John to be Church clerk. The four men were apprehensive that night. They were in waiting to see how many w o u l d be interested enough to attend the first service which was to be held the next Sunday in the home of Troy Perry. They agreed to receive an offering and t o preach a strong sermon, even if they were the only ones present.

As the day came for the first service, excitement mounted. Tom Terreri made the green screen that is still used in services today for an altar backdrop. It stood in back of a coffee table for that first Sunday. Steve Sands brought a silver cup. Madeline Nielson, a next door neighbor, lent a silver dish, she was excited about the new idea, but was afraid that the police would raid t h e service! Rev. Perry had a friend i n the Ministery who lent him a black robe, offering plates and hymn books. B o b Bellville and Jim Bilbrey gave t w o silver candle holders.

The time finally arrived for t h e service to begin. Nine friends plus three new-comers came in response to the ad Troy had placed in the Advocate. There was no piano, so the small group sang without accompaniment. Everyone was reluctant to lead the singing, so Rev. Perry went ahead, conducting the entire service by himself. "The Lord really moved that day. People w e r e weeping." Troy said. After service, they had coffee and cake and testified how touching the service had been. Within three weeks some of those in attendance, would someday play an important role in our Church. Lee Rubio, now our Social Director, came for the first time. Lou Loyne, our lay reader and member of the board of directors. Soon afterwards, Rev. Richard Ploen attended and immediately began assisting in services by directing the hymns, leading in prayer, and reading the Scriptures.

The small group grew steadily until they could no longer be seated in the living room. A plan began to form to acquire another meeting place, with hopes of eventually renting their own Church. It was decided to have a big party for New Year's Eve and suggested that they rent the Women's Club of Huntington Park. When a group went to look at the building, they immediately thought of renting it for Sunday services. It seemed impossible to meet the thirty five dollars per week rental, but after much prayer, they decided to move in for services beginning Dec. 1st, 1968. The first floor was chosen, as it had a meeting room, with kitchen facilities nearby and a large foyer for informal gatherings. The fellowship continued to grow each week.

On Jan. 12, 1969, METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH received its first members. The charter members of the congregation are:

Rev. Troy D. Perry, Pastor
Mr. Robert D. Baxter
Mr. Robert R. Bellville
Mr. Marshall Bennett
Mr. James Lee Bilbrey
Mr. John Greathouse, Jr.
Mr. Leroy G. Rubio
Mr. Michael D. Himango
Mr. John D. Keenan
Mr. John Kudla
Mr. Louis A. Loynes
Rev. Richard A. Ploen
Mr. Arnold R. Roof
Mr. S. R. Sands
Mr. C. LeRoy Sharp
Mr. William L. Smith
Mr. Walter G. Sorber
Mr. Thomas N. Terreri

That Sunday following services, the

first formal Board of Directors' meeting was held. The first members of the Board of Directors were:

Rev. Troy D. Perry, Pastor
Rev. Richard A. Ploen, Church Clerk
Mr. Tom Terreri, Treasurer
Mr. Robert Bellville
Mr. John Greathouse, Jr.
Mr. Lee Sharp

The resignation of Mr. John Greathouse, Jr., as Church Clerk was accepted, and at this time, Rev. Richard Ploen was appointed to complete the unexpired term. Also appointed to the board were Robert Bellville and Lee Sharp.

The following week, the Board of Directors met and named Lee Rubio as Social Director of the Church. He was given the responsibility to plan and to supervise all social activities. It was suggested at this meeting that the Church contribute ten percent of its offerings to worthy causes and that this should start as of January 1, 1969. Later, it was decided to spend this money on the Community House Project.

In February, Steve Sands interviewed Rev. Troy Perry for an Advocate article, that week, Dick Michaels and Bill Rand visited Rev. Perry to photograph him. After the article was printed in the February issue, attendance jumped about twenty persons each Sunday. Most of the new people said the interview in the Advocate is what attracted their attention and aroused their interest in the Church. It was at this time another of our congregation, Rev. John Hose, began attending services.

Early that same month, John Greathouse asked to resign from the Board of Directors and Lou Loynes was appointed to complete his term. Later, Bob Bellville also asked to resign. Willie Smith was appointed to complete his term.

In March, the Pastor decided to increase the membership of the Board of Directors to nine members in order to give a fuller representation to the rapidly growing congregation. The additional three members elected from the Church Membership were:

Miss Melinda Webb
Rev. John Hose
Mr. Beryl Clawson

A week later, April 6th, the members of the Board of Directors were officially installed and introduced to the growing congregation.

The EASTER SUNDAY Service was truly one of the most beautiful services the the Church has experienced. Because of an anticipated, unprecedented attendance of over 400 persons, services were held on larger second floor. Several members carrying flags and banners led the processional up the stairs, followed by the Church Choir and officiating Ministers. Father Phillip Caine of the American Eastern Orthodox Church, was the guest Minister. Rev. Perry delivered a sermon entitled "The Resurrection of Truth." He said, " I hope that someday we will have a ressurection, not just of the dead, but of the truth. I hope to see the day when the stone of prejudice and ignorance will be rolled away from the tomb, and truth will spring forth as the noon-day sun."

April 8th, marked the next meeting of the Board of Directors, at which time Rev. Richard Ploen suggested that Rev. Perry be placed on permanent salary. A congregational meeting was held to approve and to support the action of the Board. The meeting of the congregation was held the following Sunday, and the members were asked to give a vote of confidence to the Board of Directors. A lively discussion followed, with comments both supporting and disagreeing with the Board's actions. The majority of the congregation casted their votes in support of the Board.

That same afternoon the Board of Directors met again, and Rev. Perry assigned each board member to head a committee to assist the Pastor in the organizing and carrying out of the aims of the Church.

On Friday, May 23rd, an emergency meeting of the Board was held via the telephone. The President of the Women's Club had informed our Pastor that we could no longer use their building for our services. She explained that the Women's Club no longer had help willing to come on Sunday afternoons and open the doors for us. "I feel that there is something odd going on here", was her only comment. Rev. Perry, in explaining his views on this action, mentioned that on the previous Sunday the Church had been visited by four

plain-clothed policemen, probably at the request of a city councilman (up for re-election), who had reason to fear our group. Our Church was not directly involved in the political fight that was ensuing, but the Community that we served was involved. Rev. Perry felt that what had really happened was that the police had placed a telephone call to the Women's Club and informed them that a homosexual group was meeting in their building, it didn't matter that we are a Church.

It was decided that we would rent the Embassy Auditorium in downtown Los Angeles. While here, another one of our goals was reached. On June 8th, the publication of a regular-weekly newsletter began with Melinda Napier Chairman of the Publications Department and David Miles acting as Editor. We stayed at the Embassy for one month. Again, our Pastor received a telephone call, informing him that plans were under way to get us evicted. Willy Smith contacted the owner of the Encore Theatre and asked if we could use the theatre for Church services until we could find our own property. Rev. Perry also called Rev. Alex Smith of the Downtown Service Bureau of the Methodist Church to see if it was possible for us to use the facilities of the First Methodist Church for one month. Rev. Smith contacted the assistant Pastor of the First Methodist Church, who made the Sanctuary available for two Sundays, until we could finalize an agreement with the Encore Theatre.

An Ecumenical Service was held July 18th, the second week that we met in the Methodist Church. Besides our Pastor, A Catholic Priest and an Eastern Orthodox Priest officiated in the day's cermonies. A letter was read from a Jewish Rabbi who had been invited to join in the service, but he was unable to be in attendance. The Chapel was packed to overflowing, with attendance surpassing 400 people. There were people standing in the back of the Chapel and along the sides. A true feeling of unity was felt.

After our move to the Encore Theatre Rev. Perry was invited to speak in the Orange County area, by Ken Raub, a young man who was to become a Deacon of our Church, and by Bill Becker, the owner of a business in that area. Rev. Perry accepted the invitation and held the first Wednesday prayer meeting at a bar dining room which was closed to regular business for that hour. That first meeting was attended by about 50 persons who were interested in hearing about M.C.C.

In August, the Church held its first Board Meeting where the Members and Friends of the Church were invited. At this meeting a resolution to form a Board of Deacons was passed by the Board of Directors. A plan was formulated whereby we would divide Los Angeles and Orange County into parishes and Deacons would be appointed to oversee the work of the Church in their areas. The Deacons were chosen by Rev. Perry with the prayerful advice of Rev. John Hose and Rev. Richard Ploen. These people were to be of the highest caliber, and persons who have served the Church in the past, whom the Ministers felt could be natural leaders, in carrying out the work that GOD has given us.

In the most recent Board meeting it was agreed by the Directors to re-organize the Publications Department. Don Showman was appointed to be the new acting editor and Mike Scott as Business Manager, to work with the continuing Chairman of the Publications Department. The newly formed Publications Commitee agreed to change the format of the Newsletter.

At the same Board Meeting a very active group of M.C.C. members in Orange County, calling themselves the Community Action Committee of Orange County, was extended official recognition as a branch of the Mother Church. This action group had already organized a Crisis Intervention Center to serve those in Orange County. On September 24th, Rev. Perry and a large group of M.C.C. members attended the dedication of Goff Hall, which is where the Center is located. Rev. Jerry Joachim, a new Minister to our Church, officiated at the ceremony. At the same service Ken Raub, Deacon of the Orange County Parish, was officially installed, and our Pastor preached the dedication.

AIMS OF MCC

By the time Metropolitan Community Church was six weeks old, its general aims were fully outlined in the minds of Rev. Troy Perry and the Board of Directors. These aims are:

1. A permanent Sanctuary for worship.
2. A Community House for our welfare organization.
3. A Publications Department.
4. A Communication Department for radio and television programs, taped sermons, etc.
5. A Committee on Religion and the Law, to serve as an advisory group.

OUR DREAMS BECOME A REALITY

While we are in the process of looking for a permanent Sanctuary, the Church has established a building fund, to recieve money donated for this purpose in order to be ready when we find the location where God would have us settle. At the present time we are meeting in rented facilities with the hope of obtaining our own Sanctuary in the near future. In the mean time, the Community Welfare Committee has launched the following projects and services which are now in action:

1. Crisis Counseling Service
2. Job Counseling and Placement Service
3. Discussion Groups
4. Bloodbank
5. Welfare Committee
6. Alcoholics Together Group
7. Sewing Circle
8. Library

CRISIS COUNSELING SERVICE. From the earliest ideas of the church it became apparent that the members of our community needed a staff of counselors to be available around the clock to provide emergency assistance and advice to individuals emotionally distressed or contemplating suicide. A group of laymen volunteered, and their telephone numbers are published in the weekly MCC--News. Today we have many qualified individuals answering the telephone. The Parsonage is able to provide suitable rooms where individuals who attempt suicide or are deeply distressed can come to rest and recieve spiritual guidance and counseling. This program at the same time has aided the volunteers in their growth in empathy for others Many of those who have been counseled have returned to useful life, joined in Church endeavors, and made contributions of their time, talents, and abilities in various projects.

JOB COUNSELING AND PLACEMENT SERVICE. For those individuals who have or may become jobless and are unable to find work and meet their obligations, we at MCC decided that we should help support those members of our community, just as we should support businesses within the community. Therefore, a Job Counseling and Placement Service is being set up. We will be taking applications from unemployed members, referring them to potential employers or placing them in positions related to their skills and background.

DISCUSSION GROUPS. Discussion Groups were set up, meeting in the homes of members to probe into the causes and effects of sexual differences within our community and our socitey. The benefits as a result of these open discussion periods have been twofold: (1) The individuals involved have enlarged their own understanding of not only each other, but of society at large; and (2) MCC has enlarged its own scope of services and abilities by presenting a fuller message of God's love for everyone.

BLOODBANK. Emergencies know no season, and those members and friends of our community who are in need may now acquire blood from our account with the American Red Cross. This is a further method of taking care of our own problems. Anyone may donate blood to our account by notifying the Red Cross at the time of donation.

WELFARE COMMITTEE. A Point Of Need program has been set up whereby members of our community can bring grocery items to MCC for distribution among those who are in need. Numerous goods are held for distribution, and are gratefully accepted.

ALCOHOLICS TOGETHER GROUP. The individuals who have volunteered to work in our Alcoholics Together Group work directly with those individuals who have drinking problems. Advice and counseling is provided to members of their immediate families when required or requested.

SEWING CIRCLE. Originally designed to create a circle of greater fellowship within MCC, our sewing circle is comprised of both men and women who design and make items for sale, and donate the proceeds to the Church.

LIBRARY. Our library accepts books donated, whether they be on homosexual themes or of a more general nature. Hardcover books contain a bookplate with the name of the donor and the date of the donation inscribed upon it. The books are available to our members and friends on a two-week basis. Other publications contained in our library include those presented by other Homophile Organizations and individuals which are of interest to our community.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

M. C. C. is an Ecumenical Movement, based on the teachings of Christianity. Created to aid the Homphile Community in serving their God better; and to help them to live their lives more fully and creatively; teaching them to love without fear or guilt.

Freinds of M.C.C. He or She is an individual, who for some reason cannot in good conscience become a Member of the Church. These might include religious differences or Faith's or personal.

Membership: Our Spiritual Life Committee instructs individuals seeking membership in the Church, fully describing the M.C.C. Doctrine, as taken from our by-laws and the Holy Scriptures and offers Baptism and Holy Communion. The instruction sessions consist of two forty-five minute programs, covering the subjects of Church membership and the history of Christianity, thus preparing the future Communicant for the Spiritual fellowship and services available at the Metropolitan Community Church.

New Members are accepted by letter from a Chruch of any denomination in which they have previously held membership through the Scrament of Baptism, or by their statement of Faith in Christ, and acceptance of Him as Savior.

M.C.C. is an independant Non-Denominational Congregational Church.

MCC's Search For a Church

From the beginning of MCC, a major goal has been to locate a permanent sanctuary in which we can worship God according to the dictates of our concience.

During our first year we moved often, sometimes because we had outgrown the location, sometimes we were asked to move for some reason or other. The Congregation was kept alert and curious where we' d meet next. We kept saying, "You have to attend every Sunday for sure, to know where we'll be the following Sunday. If you don't come, we may move, and we'll lose you because you won't know where we are."

During our first year we met in five different locations:

1) THE PINK HOUSE
Church services were held in Huntington Park in the home of Rev. Perry and Mr. Willie Smith starting Oct. 6, 1968.

2) THE WOMEN'S CLUB
Services were held in this Spanish-style auditorium in Huntington Park, beginning Dec. 1st, 1968, and happily continued thru Easter and the May Festival to May 25, 1969.

3) EMBASSY AUDITORIUM
We moved to downtown Los Angeles on June 1, 1969. Centrally located, just off the Harbor Freeway, it made greater attendance possible.

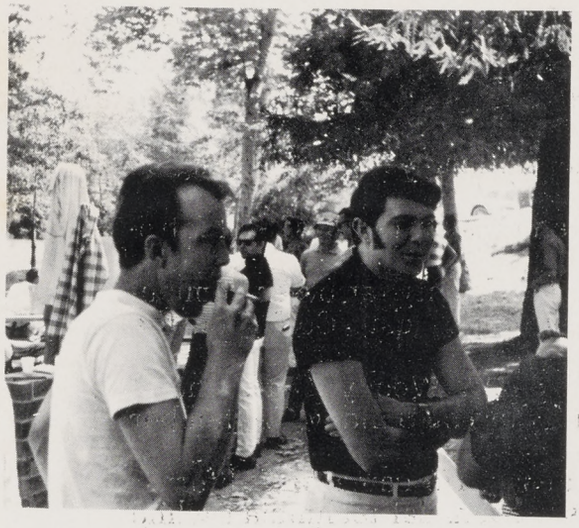
4) FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
We met there two weeks, on July 6th, and 13th, two blocks from the Embassy.

5) THE ENCORE THEATRE
July 20th, we moved to the Hollywood area, where on our First Anniversary, we still meet.

BEES ENJOY MCC PICNIC

Saturday, Lee Rubio's flaming red flourescent signs guided a hundred MCC members through lush green Ferndell Drive to the picnic tables in Griffith Park. It was heartwarming to see young and old together, enjoying each other like a happy family. The crowd instinctively bore down on the food table. Friendly, curious bees snooped around the hamburgers sizzling over the charcoal. They seemed to enjoy MCC picnic. Food and soft drinks were furnished by the church from the coffee hour donations. A crowd-sized pot of baked beans, salads, and variety dishes were brought by various people. Groups spent hours playing table games, swatting a baseball, or just sitting at tables talking. Fire trucks roared up the read increasing the afternoon's excitement. Athletic ones scrambled pell mell up a steep slope for a better view of the flames in the canyon not far away. All in all, a great time was had by everyone.

September 13, 1969



Griffith Park

Welcome . . . Welcome, in the name of the Lord.

For those of you who live in Orange County, thank you for stopping by to visit with us and our roommates.

We have a new roommate in the house, and one of the best — Metropolitan Community Church.

For those of you who are from Los Angeles County, or other communities, welcome to our home on this occasion as we dedicate Goff Hall, the new Action Center for Orange County.

Goff Hall is named in honor of Claude Connely (Woody) Goff, who at twenty-seven years of age passed away of heart failure on Sunday, September 7, 1969.

Woody was a native of Kansas City, Kansas. He came to California some three years ago and worked in Vernon as a chemical technician while living in Long Beach. He started attending Metropolitan Community Church shortly after it's beginning last year. He recently joined the fold and became an active member in August of this year.

A person of deep felt dedication toward his fellow men, he became one of the founders and first executives of the Orange County Action Committee.

Goff Hall has been named in his memory and honor. May we all strive to continue the work he was so interested in, and perpetuate the ideals and skill behind the remaining members.

We, along with the other members of the house: Bob Brunner, Bill Kipper, Rick Jensen, Ken Kline, Lee Stowe and Greg Tucker, say welcome to the Action Committee and congratulations to our new Deacon for Orange County, Ken Raub.

Besides the dedication of Goff Hall, we are also having a reception for Ken. A recent resident of Garden Grove, now residing in La Mirada, Ken has long been active in furthering the idea of *"Unity for Our Community"* in the Orange County area.

Ken first attended Metropolitan Community Church at the Embassy Auditorium and has been very active in mission work for the church in this area. He was responsible for acquiring facilities for our Orange County Chapel meetings at the Houndstooth and the Tiki Hut.

As a person of firm conviction and compromise, we feel that Ken will be a strong guiding force for Metropolitan Community and the Orange County Chapel. Ken is also very active in our Action Committee operations.

ACTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Austin Amerine
Doyle Bauman
Rich Bradford
Bob Brunner
Dennis Chaffin
Dave Ciminski
Mark David
Paul Davis
Steve Egan
Keith Gathercole
Dennis Gregg
Mark Harker
Loren Henderson
Mike Herron
Rick Jensen
Bill Kipper
Ken Klein
Tom Murphy
Bob Pritchard
Ken Raub
Mike Reeder
Margaret Shock
Dan Stanick
Greg Tucker
Rick Valenzuela, Chairman
Jan Wheatley

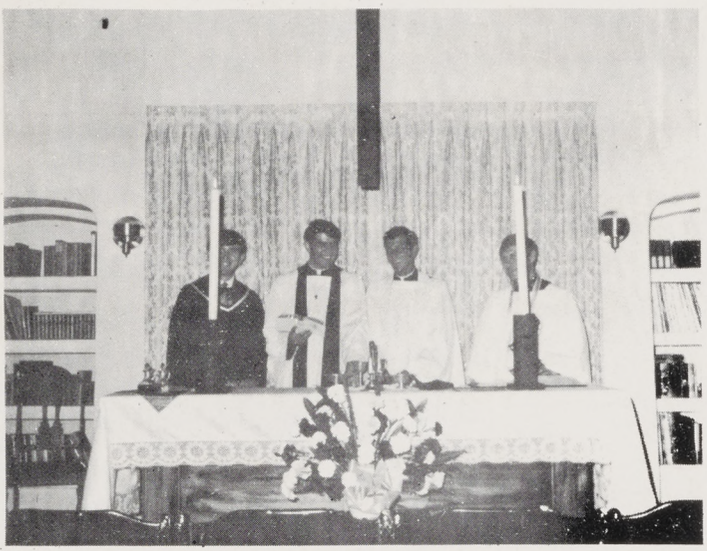
from Los Angeles:

Rev. Troy Perry Rev. Richard Ploen Rev. John Hose Rev. Jerry Joachim

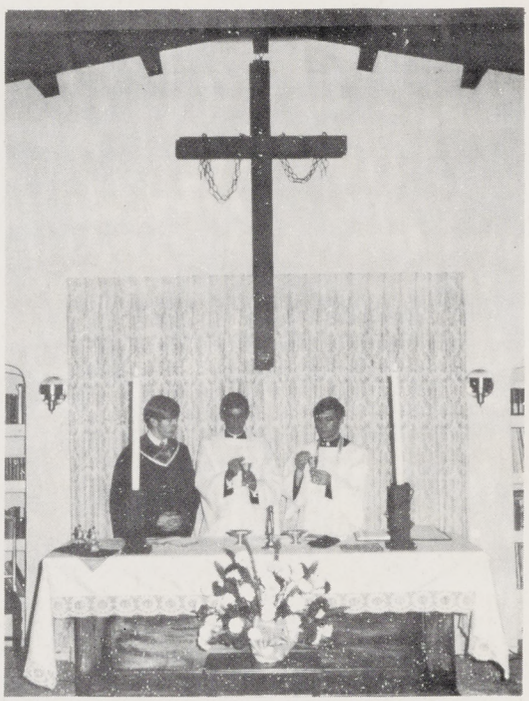
Welcome . . .

Mike Reeder and Rick Valenzuela

GOFF HALL DEDICATED

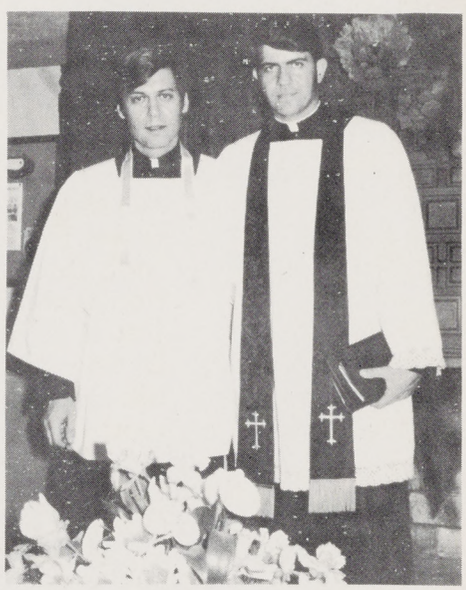


The three major participants in the Dedication of Goff Hall were: Michael Reeder, Acolyte; Rev. Jerry Joachim, Missionary Minister; and Ken Raub, Deacon.



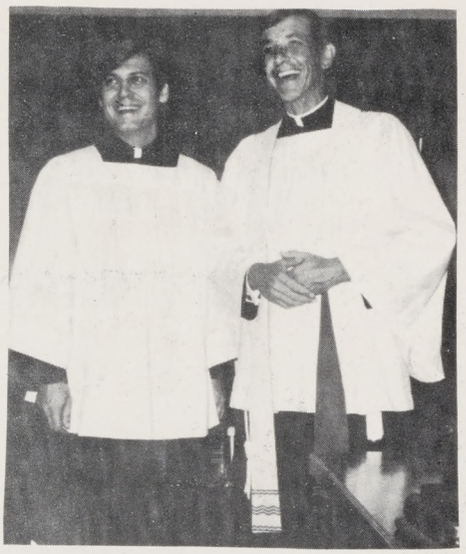
The broken chains on the cross and matching candlesticks represent the spirit of Christ broken free in our community.

Rev. Perry welcomed Mr. S. Sands, one of the first people who had faith in the new Church which became MCC. When our Pastor was at his lowest, despondent, it was Mr. Sands who encouraged him to continue.

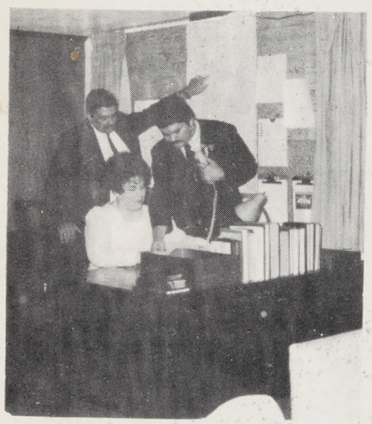


Rev. Perry with Ken Raub, Deacon of Orange County, installed at this Dedication Service in Anaheim at 319 N. Harbor Blvd.

A buffet supper was served after the service. Shown here around the table are Bill Kiipper, Loren Henderson, Dave Caminski, and Leo Hunt.



Ken Raub and Rev. Jerry Joachim enjoyed the compliments on their new vestments.



Richard Venezuela, Margaret Shock, and Steve Egan at Goff Hall, discussing Orange County Crisis Committee problems.

Rev. Perry and his mother, Mrs. Edith Perry, enjoyed Frank Kern's lively appreciation of the beautifully decorated basement room used by the Crisis Committee.

The Orange County Choir sang for the Dedication Service. Included are: Dennis Chaffin, Margaret Shock, Richard Bradford, Austin Amerine, Dennis Gregg, and Randy Nickerson.

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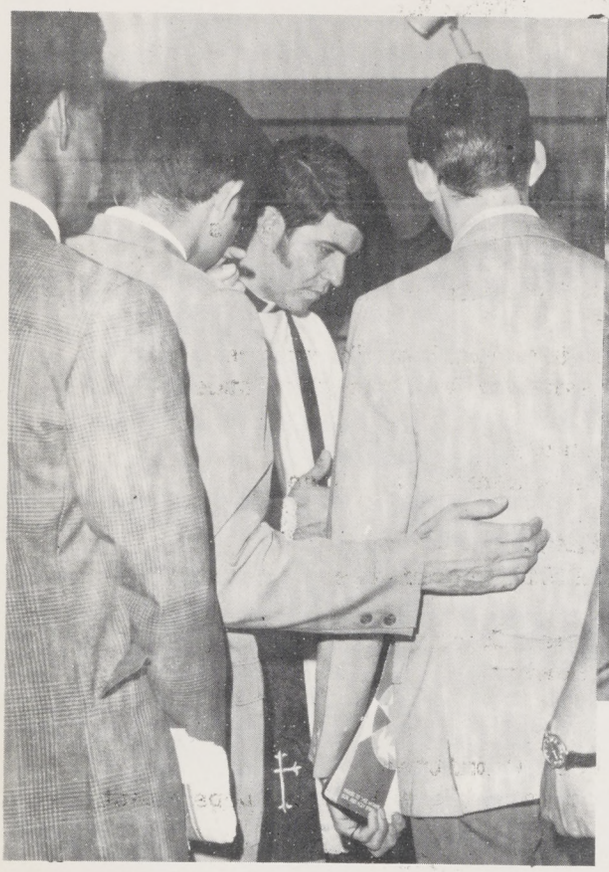

Parishoners leaving church services at the Encore Theater greet our Pastor.

Lee Rubio, MCC Social Director, consulted with Rev. Perry before Sunday morning services in the lobby of the Encore Theatre.

MCC members and friends gathered on Will Rodgers State Beach for a Beach Party, held Saturday, June 14. A group of nearly 100 joined in the fun to enjoy the sun, surf, and picnic lunches.

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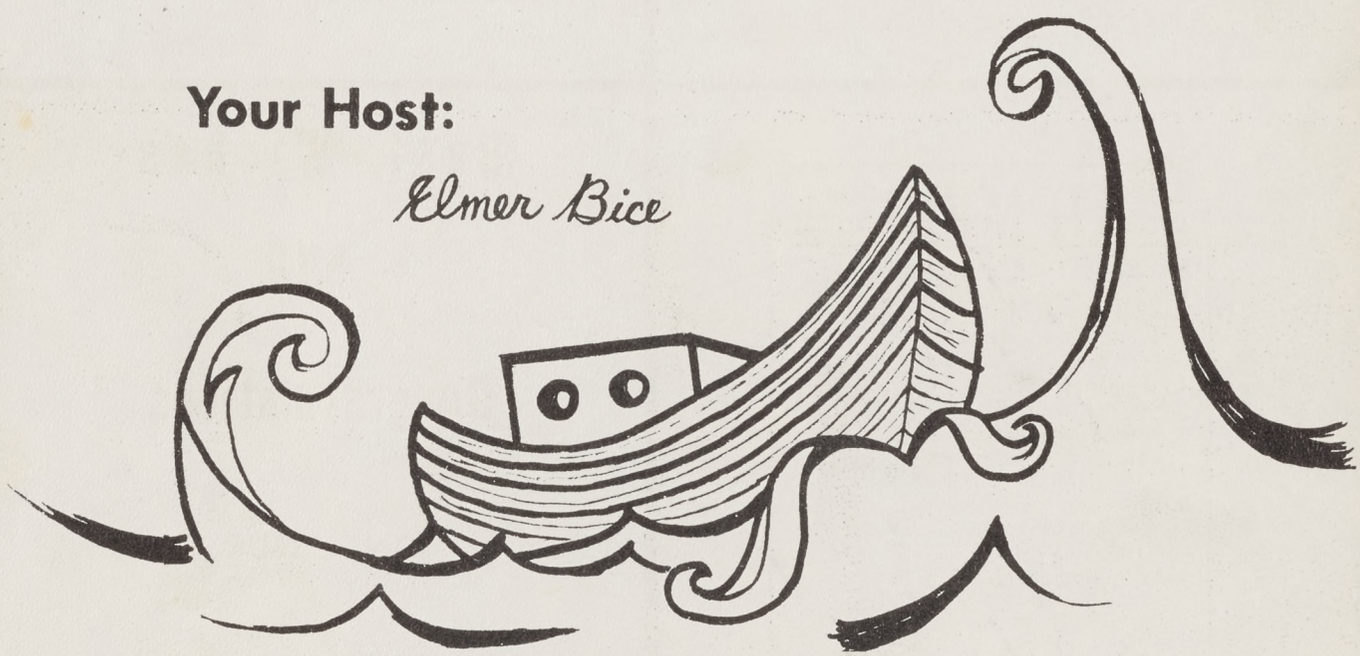

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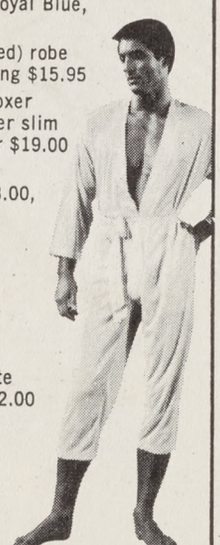

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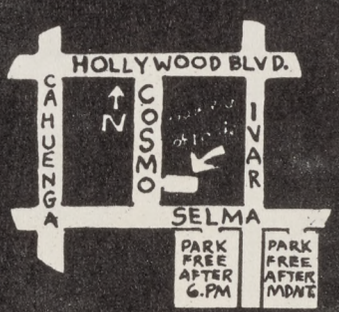

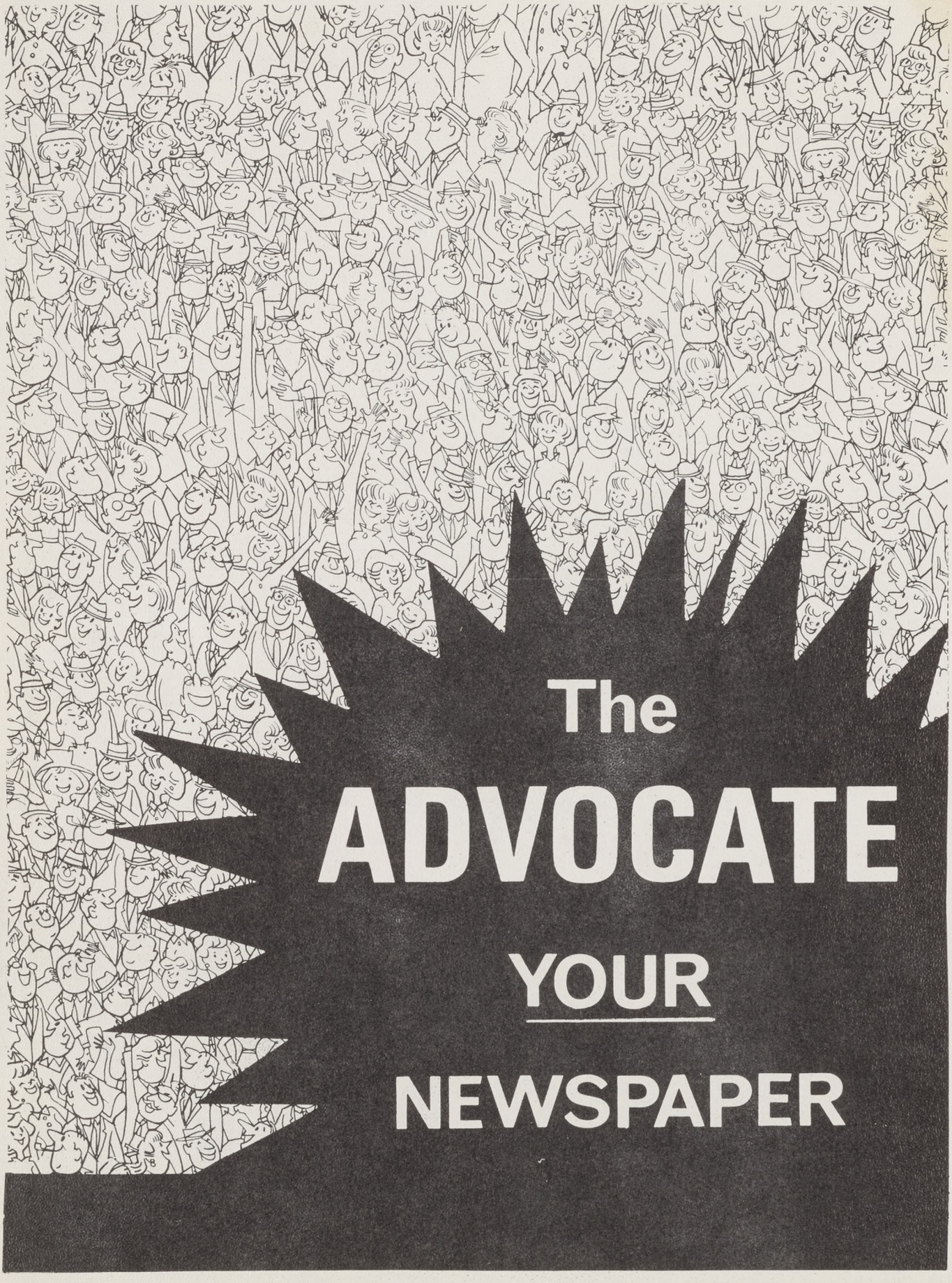
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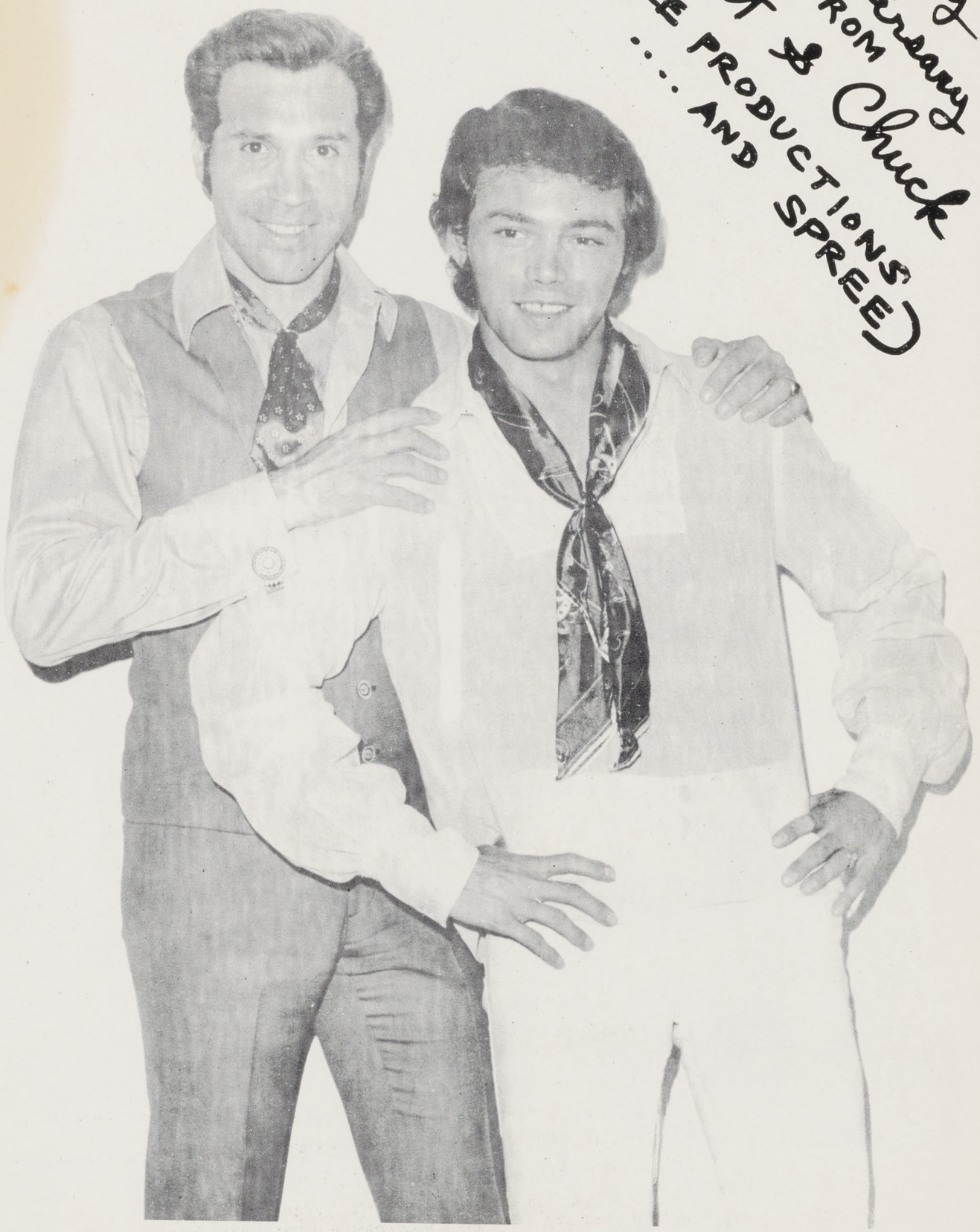
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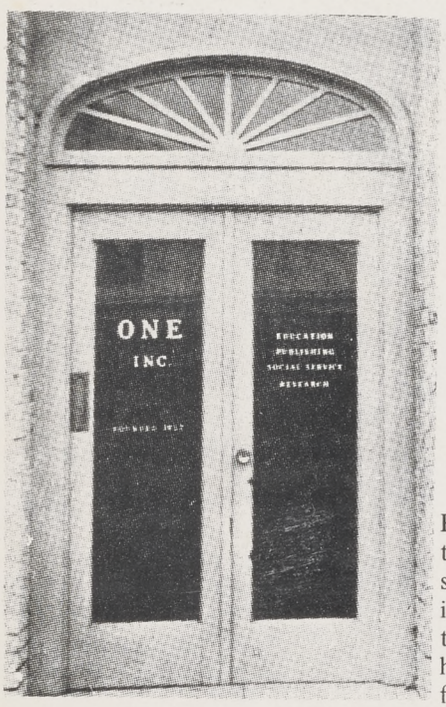

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